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Applicant(s): Eric T. Kool)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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For: CIRCULAR DNA VECTORS FOR SYNTHESIS OF RNA AND DNA)	

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Species Election Requirement mailed October 1, 2003,
Applicant elects, with traverse, the species of the claimed invention where the cell is bacterial.
The claims readable on the elected species include claims 95, 96, 98, and 100-123.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the species election in this case
and submits that the invention as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing
undue burden on the Examiner. Specifically, it is submitted that a search of the claimed method
of RNA oligonucleotide synthesis inside a bacterial, plant or mammalian cell can be performed
as readily as a search limited to the method performed only inside a bacterial species.

Response to Restriction Requirement

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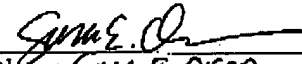
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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

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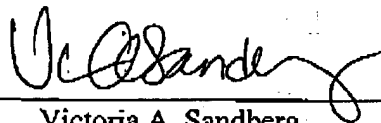
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